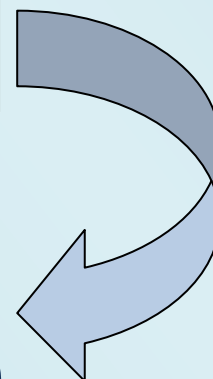
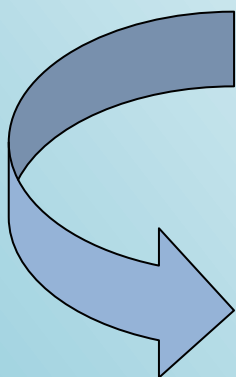


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Message from Founder - Director

So the year 2018-19 has been a year of hope and optimism as we see many signs of inclusion among us. We have shifted our premises from Katjunagar to Mukundapur. The Lake Gardens unit is still at Lake Gardens.

Retail giants BigBazaar approached ASWB to be the NGO partner in the project QuietHour at BigBazaar. Our staff conducted training programs for the BigBazaar staff.

Kolkata Police came forward and organized a Puja Porikroma with our students.

Our YAAR program celebrated 5 years.

Our special educators have been invited as resource persons in awareness programs.

ASWB has conducted Orientation Program on ASD with 3rd year Nursing students of Aliah University.

Health check up has been done by the Nursing students with Dikshan students

Papers with research findings have been presented in International and National Conferences. Papers have been published in journals.

ASWB Governing Body was reconstituted during the last AGM,

We have conducted several free workshops as part of our awareness program.

We are also thinking of initiating more and more awareness program in this regard with corporate organizations, schools and other authoritative bodies so that we can make an inclusive society where everyone gets equal rights. Autism Society West Bengal (ASWB) as an organization strives to spread awareness about ASD and strategies for creating an inclusive environment.

Indrani Basu,

Director ASWB

ASWB Vision

A supportive, social environment where persons with Autism are understood and their right to participation upheld.

ASWB Mission

To enable individuals with Autism and their families to participate in developing strategies to improve their quality of life; optimize their strength through education, advocacy and support.

ASWB SERVICES AND BENEFICIARIES

1. Dikshan: School for individuals with autism.

- a. Junior Section (13 students)
- b. Intermediate section (13 students)
- c. Aarohan Pre-Vocational Unit (9 students)
- d. Dikshan II (6 students)

2. **Counselling:** For both families whose child has been newly diagnosed with autism as well as students going to mainstream schools and colleges.

3. Early Intervention Unit

- a. Verbal Behavioural Analysis Programme (34 students)
- b. Early Intervention(128 students)

4. **Afternoon Respite Unit** (4 students)

5. **Parent training Programme** (33 students): Research based teaching methods *viz.* ABA/VBA and TEACCH is used in this program.

6. **Young Adult with Autism Reach out (YAAR)** – A monthly social club which enables young individuals with autism to make friends and connect better with the society. Participants are some students of Dikshan, some students with ASD getting mainstream education, employees with ASD, students of colleges and universities. We strongly believe for social inclusion to be a reality people both with and without autism

should spend considerable time with each other, getting to know each other. YAAR completed 5 years in March 2019.

Networking with other organizations

Autism Society West Bengal (ASWB) works closely with other organization not only in exchanging and sharing information but also in training and setting up services for individuals with autism. We have conducted lectures, orientation programs and/or hands on training with following organizations:-

- 1) Action For Autism, New Delhi
- 2) Autistic Children's Welfare foundation, Chittagong, Bangladesh.
- 3) Dwar Jinkerman, a school for students with special needs, Shillong, Meghalaya
- 4) Goodrike School, Siliguri, West Bengal
- 5) Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy, Kolkata, West Bengal
- 6) Mary Rice Centre, Shillong, Meghalaya
- 7) Supportive Learning Centre, Hyderabad
- 8) Spectra School of Autism, Bangladesh
- 9) Institute for Pediatric Neurodisorder and Autism in Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, Bangladesh
- 10) National Institute for empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities (NIEPMD)
- 11) Mental Health Foundation (MHF), Kolkata
- 12) Keystone Institute, India; An Educational Institute on Disability, Community, and Innovation
- 13) Centre for Autism Therapy, Counselling and Help (CATCH), Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India.
- 14) National Institute of Developmental Education (A Unit of Atrayudh Foundation), Alipurduar, West Bengal.
- 15) Department of Nursing, Aliah University, Kolkata.
- 16) Shashwat Jigyasa, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

Milestones of Autism Society West Bengal (ASWB)

2003 – DIKSHAN, A Special School for students with ASD founded.

2004 - DIKSHAN Therapy unit started which provided Hourly Intervention to children with ASWB who were not enrolled in Dikshan.

2005 – The Telegraph Award for the “School that Cares”.

2006- Started Summer School during the summer vacation. (During summer school we accommodate families who cannot avail of our services at other times.)

2008 – ASPIRES, Parent training with child commenced.

2009 – Invited by Organizations in Bangladesh to train teachers & parents.

2009 – Heart springs Award (USA) for innovation in Special Education given to ASWB Founder Director Ms. Indrani Basu

2011 – Usha Uthup sings for Autism.

2011 – Website launched by Governor of West Bengal, His Excellency M. K Naryanan.

2012 – Self Advocacy by three individuals with Autism for World Autism Awareness Day

2013 - The popular regional news channel, 24 Ghanta telecast an interview of Ms. Indrani Basu, Founder Director, Autism Society West Bengal (ASWB).

2014 - A new project Young Adult with Autism Reach out (YAAR) was launched at ASWB.

2015 - Computer and iPad training for the young children with ASD introduced in summer camp.

2016 – Autism Society West Bengal started D. Ed Special Education (Autism) Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) approved course.

2016 – Autism Society West Bengal was awarded ‘Outstanding Institution in the field of Disability’ by Department of Child Development, Department of Women Development,

Department of Social Welfare, Government of West Bengal and Office of the Commissioner for Disabilities, Government of West Bengal and Department of Social Justice and Empowerment.

2016 – Autism Society West Bengal in collaboration with Asiatic Society & Mental Health Foundation, Kolkata organized a 2 day International Conference on Autism. Theme of the Conference: ‘Autism Spectrum Disorder: Life in the Mainstream.’

2017- Autism Society West Bengal in collaboration with Keystone Institute and National Trust organized a one day workshop on Social Role Valorization (SRV).

2017- A short film about Autism Society West Bengal was telecast by Doordarshan Kendra Kolkata in April, 2017.

2017- Indian Museum observed World Autism Awareness Day by organizing a sit & draw event for individuals with Autism from ASWB.

2017- Ms Indrani Basu was invited as one of the specialist on Autism to formulate the Rehabilitation Council of India’s curriculum for a 6-month Course in "Advanced Certificate in Inclusive Education (cross disability)”.

2017- Ms. Indrani Basu was a member of the Screening Committee of State Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities 2017 conferred by the Department of Women and Child Development and Social Welfare, Government of West Bengal.

2017- Ms. Indrani Basu, Director, Autism Society West Bengal, was invited as a panelist at the International Conference on Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders to be hosted by the The Ministry of Health of Bhutan, the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare of Bangladesh, WHO’s Regional Office for South-East Asia, Shuchona Foundation, and Ability Bhutan Society organized this Conference and World Health Organization South-East Asia Regional Office.

2017- Autism Society West Bengal started soft skill training program for young adults with Autism to help them enhance their social skills which will help them perform better in their professional and personal life.

2018- Autism Society West Bengal shifted to new premises at Mukundapur where the space is more. ASWB has started the afternoon respite unit where individuals with autism will spend

their leisure time. We have also started an afternoon unit of the school, Dikshan II. An Occupational Therapy room has been designated and all items related to OT have been gifted by Inner Wheel Club of Central Calcutta District 329.

2018- Keystone Institute, India organized two workshops in partnership with Autism Society West Bengal.

MAJOR EVENTS IN ASWB'S JOURNEY DURING 2018-2019: SOME GLIMPSES

ASWB shifted to Mukundapur from Katjunagar.

Autism Society West Bengal has shifted to Mukundapur from Katjunagar. We have been able to start new programs as space is more at Mukundapur. A fully equipped Occupational Therapy room, afternoon respite unit, afternoon school unit, Dikshan unit could be started. We are located on the 2nd floor of the Pashchim Banga Rajya Pratibandhi Sammilani building at Mukundapur.





World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD 2018)

Observance of World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD 2018) – Awareness walk for Autism from Golpark to Menoka Cinema in collaboration with Nirman, a CSR initiative of Bangur Endowment Pvt Ltd. The awareness walk was flagged off from Golpark Ramkrishna Mission Institute of Cultural's main gate with 100 approx in attendance including kids, adults with Autism, their parents as well as family members, teaching, non teaching staffs, volunteers from Rotaract Club of Heritage Institute of Technology and governing body members of ASWB.



Awareness Walk on 2nd April, 2018; WAAD 2018

Flash Mob Dance during WAAD 2018

The walk came to an end in front of Menoka cinema with a flash mob dance performed by the teachers, parent volunteers and volunteers from Rotaract Club of Heritage Institute of Technology.



Flash Mob dance



A REPORT IN THE PRINT MEDIA:

TELEGRAPH NEWSPAPER ON THE WALK ON WAAD 2018 AND THE FLASH MOB DANCE THAT FOLLOWED

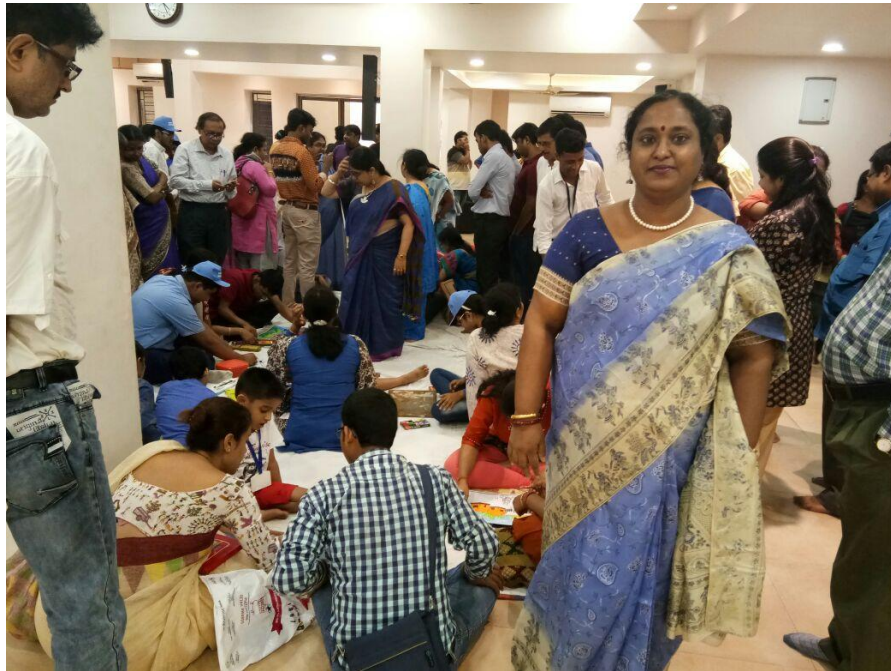
2ND APRIL, 2018, WAAD PROGRAM



A rally was organized by the Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities. Special educators, office staff and students participated in the rally on 2nd April, 201

2nd April, 2018: A **Sit and Draw competition** was organized by the Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities at Rabindra Sadan. Abhishek Sarker, Barsh Deb, Trisha Deb, Ayushman Pal, Agneev Das, Aratrika Mukherjee along with the teachers Kaberi Ghosh, Banani Saha, Shampa Sahoo. The paintings our students were displayed at the courtyard of Rabindra Sadan.





Dr. Mitu De was invited to be a judge in a program organized by Office of the Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities at Metropolitan Durgabari

Art Exhibition 2018

2nd – 4th April, 2018

‘A –sadhan’ - display of art work by young adults and children at Gaganendra Pradharshan Shala to observe World Autism Awareness Day. Beautiful art work by Abhishek Sarker, Barsha Deb, Aditya Ganguly, Ujjibon Roy, Ishaan Guha and Subhronil Das were displayed for exhibition cum sale from 2nd April to 4th April. Renowned sculptor Shri Tarak Ghorai , inaugurated the art exhibition on 2nd April. Other guests who graced the occasion were Dr Jayanta Sengupta, Curator & Secretary Victoria Memorial Hall, Mr Raju Raman, Education Officer, Victoria Memorial Hall, Mrs Ghorai and her daughter.



Invitation Card for the Art Exhibition, 2018





Glimpses of the 'A –Sadharan' – the Art Exhibition



Glimpses of the 'A –Sadharan' – the Art Exhibition



Glimpses of the 'A –Sadharan' – the Art Exhibition

2nd April, 2018

Interview of Ms. Indrani Basu on Inclusion by Radio Mirchi on Hi Kolkata

The interview of Ms. Indrani Basu, ASWB Director by Radio Mirchi on 'Hi Kolkata' on Inclusion (WAAD) on World Autism Awareness Day. Radio Mirchi also broadcasted an interview with Ms Indrani Basu about Autism, how we have can create awareness about it around us and ways to become an inclusive society.

Shasthya Jigyasa: A radio program on WAAD

Shasthya Jigyasa – Akashbani Kolkata Gitanjanli Radio Station also organized a live phone in programme about Autism. Ms. Manisha Bhattacharya was invited to take calls on air.



Report on the art exhibition in a leading Bengali daily: Awareness in print media.

Some School events during 2018-2019

Dikshan, school for individuals with autism and Aarohan, the pre vocational unit of Autism Society West Bengal (ASWB) strives to cater to the needs of the students on one hand by providing individualized schedules and IEPs. At the same time Extra-Curricular activities which are a regular part of mainstream education are organized with reasonable accommodations.

Classroom activities:



Junior Section of Dikshan



Intermediate Section of Dikshan



Computer classes at Aarohaan



Stiching activity at Aarohaan



Music class



Basic Jewellery making



Students in the Aarohan Unit



Intermediate Section of Dikshan



Dikshan II

Shopping time in school: As part of the social skill training a real shop is set up in school on a weekly basis. Students buy treats of their own choice from the shop. The students also learn to use money.



Buying treats of one's own choice

Annual Sports 2018



Getting ready for the race



Little Champions

Annual Sports 2018



Musical chairs



Medal Winners

Observing Days of National importance in school:

Netaji's Birthday, 2019



Students dressed up as famous freedom fighters.



Students and Teachers participating in rally on the occasion of Netaji's Birthday

Observing Republic Day 2019



ASWB Picnic 2019



CELEBRATING HOLI THE FESTIVAL OF COLOURS IN SCHOOL



2018 RAKHI CELEBRATION IN SCHOOL



2018 Independence Day celebration in school



Birthday Celebrations



2018 Fashion Show

As part of the Cultural Program a Fashion Show was organized. Our students walked down the ramp with confidence and poise.





*Fashion Show 2018 in school during
Cultural Program*

2018 Pre Puja Cultural Program

Every year Cultural programs are held where students sing songs, perform short drama and recite poems. It is a day to showcase the diverse talent within our students.



Pre Puja Cultural Program, 2018



This creative piece was used in the 2018 cultural program as a prop. It was handcrafted by Supratik's (student in our intermediate section) mother Ratna.

Health Check Up

In 2018 we were glad that the B. Sc Nursing students of Aliah University conducted a free health check up for our students in Mukundapur.



Afternoon Respite Unit started in 2018



Dikshan II unit started in 2018



**STIPEND PAID TO SOME STUDENTS OF AAROHAAN WHOSE ARTWORK GOT SOLD
DURING THE EXHIBITION & SALE EVENT IN APRIL, 2018**



Abhishek Sarkar, Aarohan Unit



Barsha Deb, Aarohaan Unit

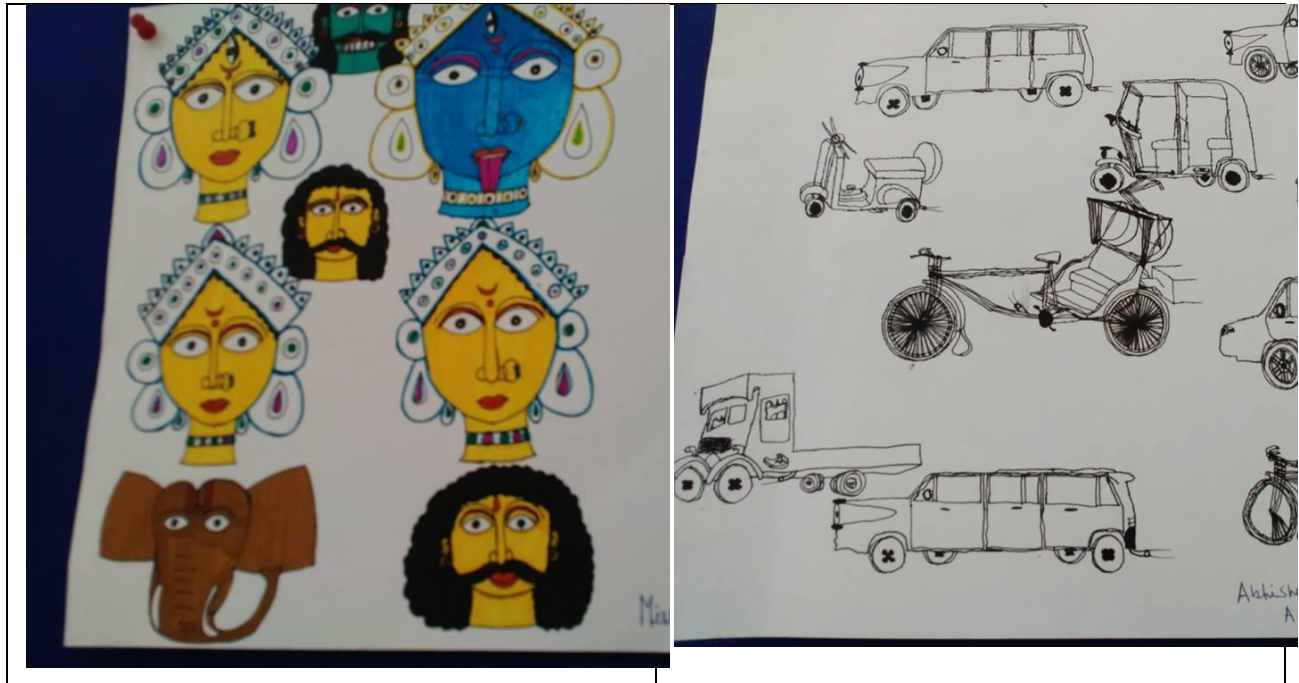
ASWB REPRESENTED BY STUDENTS IN COMPETITIONS



22nd September, 2018

Rota Education Fair organized by Rotaract Club of Heritage Institute of Technology. There were stalls displaying bags, jewellery, note books and greeting cards made by individuals with Autism from Aarohan. Paintings by Barsha Deb, Abhishek Sarker and Trisha Deb, students of Aarohan were displayed here. Ms. Kaberi Ghosh and Ms. Amrita Bhawal Barman two of our special educators were present from Autism Society West Bengal.

BARSHA DEB & ABHISHEK SARKAR'S ARTWORK ON DISPLAY AT ROTAEDUFAIR



Special Educators at RotaEduFair

26th February, 2019

Participation in Art Workshop

Abhishek Sarkar, a young adult in the Pre Vocational unit of ASWB participated in an Art Workshop organized by Apeejay Anand Children's library. He painted on an umbrella with his unique signature artwork. He added watercolours of his choice and created a colourful masterpiece. Kaberi Ghosh, special educator at ASWB was there too.



Abhishek Sarkar painted on an umbrella with his unique signature artwork.

Exclusive Preview Day Sale only for differently abled shoppers during the #SabseSaste5Din at BigBazaar: Student participation from Junior Section



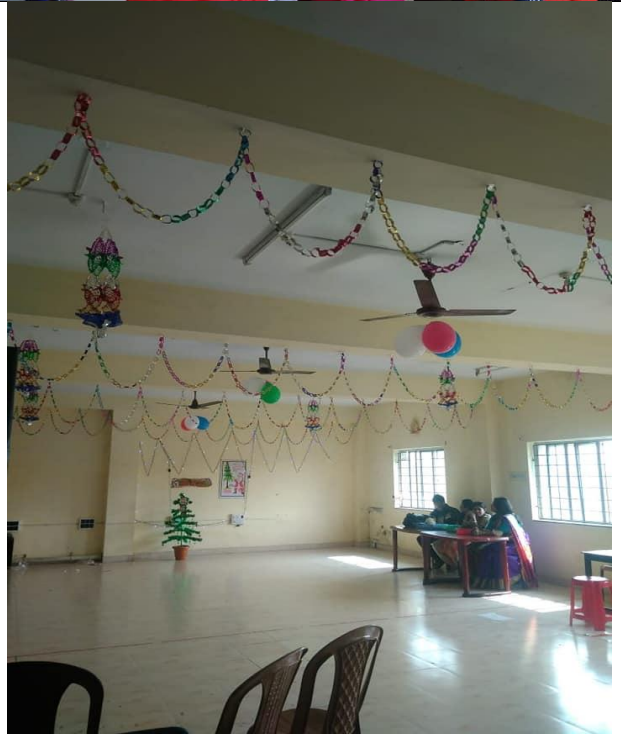
Saraswati Puja, 2019 in school



ASWB President, Ms. Tapati Ghosh performing Saraswati Puja.



FUN GAMES, SANTA CLAUSE, BALLOONS AND DECORATIONS DURING THE CHRISTMAS MELA HELD IN SCHOOL



STUDENTS OF AAROHAAN VISIT OTHER INSTITUTIONS

Young adults of the Aarohan, Pre Vocational unit of ASWB visited IICP on 19th November, 2018.



**PARTICIPATION BY OUR STUDENTS IN DIFFERENT
EVENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL**

Students participated in a cultural event at the SIVUS International Conference, October 2018



4th December, 2018

Office of the Commissioner for Disabilities organized Awareness Walk on the occasion of World Disability Day on 3rd December. Students of the Junior Section Abhas Sarkar, Debdeep Das, Atrij Das, Joyjyoti Pal, Namrata Roy along with their mothers participated in the walk which started from College square covering a stretch of 1 km with ending in College Square which was the venue of the ‘Job Fair for the Disabled’ [Rojgar Mela].. Swati Dasgupta, Special Educator and Arpita Chakraborty, Program Coordinator accompanied them.



TRIP TO FORT WILLIAM

Our students were invited to Fort William by the Indian Navy to see a movie during the Navy Week.



PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Puja Parikrama 2018 with special assistance from Kolkata Police



In our school through various activities we endeavor to provide our students with a learning environment in sync with their needs. We encourage our students to participate in community activities too. Various activities are organized in the school so they get a rich and varied school life.

ASWB expresses heartfelt thanks to our well wishers for their gifts for our school.

3rd Dec, 2018

INAUGURATION OF THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ROOM GIFTED BY THE INNER WHEEL CLUB OF CENTRAL CALCUTTA DISTRICT 329



Parent & Child Training Program

Parent Training Unit: Research based teaching methods viz. ABA/VBA and TEACCH is used in this program. ASWB conducts both short parents training for 10 days, advanced Parents Training for 3 months.



Interaction of parents with Team ASWB during Parent Training

In -House Short Refresher Program for Special Educators

ASWB strives to upgrade its services and facilities. Regular in house presentations, seminars and refresher programs are organized for our staff.



FREE WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED BY ASWB

ASWB organizes several free workshops as part of their autism awareness program. The target audience is not only the parents and special educators but the extended family members, friends and well wishers. ASWB members feel that inclusion starts within the family circle. Awareness programs help us to understand each other better paving the road towards inclusion.

6th April, 2018

Autism Society West Bengal organized a workshop on 'Psychological & Emotional Wellbeing of person with Autism and their families' at BITM. Dr J.R.Ram, one of the renowned Psychologists of Kolkata was one of the speakers. He discussed about strategies to cope with emotional stress.

Ms. Indrani Basu, Director of Autism Society West Bengal also shared her experience of counseling families when they come for counseling with their child newly diagnosed with autism. The workshop brought focus on Mental health issues of persons with Autism and their families.



FREE AUTISM AWARENESS PROGRAMS

AT BIRLA INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL MUSEUM, 6TH APRIL, 2018



FREE AUTISM AWARENESS PROGRAMS

6th April, 2018

Ms. Manisha Bhattacharya, Clinical Psychologist, ASWB and Ranjana Chakraborty, ASWB Board member presented a Narrative session on emotional well being.



On 6th April, 2018 as part of Autism Awareness volunteers of the YAAR program actively participated in the free workshop. They spoke about the YAAR program and how it helped them to understand individuals with autism. They spoke how they see the person first then the autism.



'AUTISM VOICES: ARE YOU LISTENING?' A PLAY BY ROTARACT CLUB MEMBERS

The Rotaract Club members who volunteer in the ASWB's YAAR program presented a small play, 'Autism Voices: Are you listening'. Many of the volunteers have participated in several YAAR programs and have come to have a friendly relationship with our students. This play showed how deeply these young volunteers could now understand the viewpoint of individuals with autism.

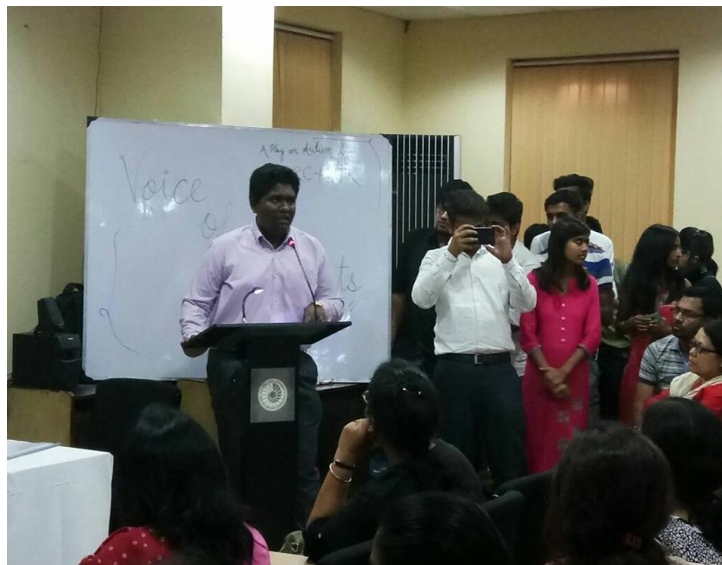


SELF ADVOCATES AT AN AUTISM AWARENESS WORKSHOP

It was very interesting to hear from the self advocate. It gave an insight from their point of view.



Mr. Amitava Basu, Classroom Assistant, Aspires Unit, ASWB spoke about his work.



Mr. Rudrak Bera who is employed in a firm spoke about his experience in the open job market. He spoke how he faced and tackled different situations.

Free autism awareness workshop –“Where do we stand? -Autism in 2018.’

27th July, 2018

Autism Society West Bengal organized a free workshop –“Where do we stand? -Autism in 2018.’

Dr. Animita Chowdhury Saha, MD, FACP-Medical Director, Myers Park Clinic, Carolinas HealthCare system, Charlotte, NC, Associate Professor of Medicine, University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Chapel Hill, NC, USA was the speaker. She discussed about the present scenario about Autism now. The workshop was attended by teachers and parents of students from Dikshan and Aarohan.



Workshop by Dr. Animita Chowdhury Saha



FREE WORKSHOP ON 'SENSORY ISSUES OF CHILDREN WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.'

11th August, 2018

Autism Society West Bengal organized a free workshop on 'Sensory Issues of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.' Ms. Insana Konoki Mazumder, ASWB Occupational therapist discussed about the sensory issues and how we can overcome it through different exercise, play etc. The workshop was mainly attended by parents and special educators.



Interactive session with Dr Liliana Mayo

12th December, 2018

Dr Liliana Mayo, Founder and Executive Director, Centre Ann Suvillian del Peru (ASP), Lima, Peru, Professor of Special Education Innovation visited Autism Society West Bengal and also had an interactive session with teachers, parents and governing body members on 'Vocational Rehabilitation.'

Resource Person: Dr. Liliána Mayo, Founder and General Director of Centro-Ann Sullivan del Peru (CASP), Peru



**WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED BY AUTISM SOCIETY WEST BENGAL
2018-19**

Date	Name of the workshop/ Conference	Venue	Resource Persons
6 th April, 2018 Free Workshop	‘Psychological & Emotional Wellbeing of person with Autism and their families’ Play on ‘Autism Voices: Are you listening?’ Self advocates shared their experiences	Birla Industrial & Technological Museum	Dr J.R.Ram, Ms Indrani Basu, Ms Manisha Bhattacharya, Ms Ranjana Chakraborty & Volunteers from Rotaract club of Heritage Institute of Technology
27 th July, 2018 Free workshop	‘Where do we stand – Autism in 2018’	Auditorium, PBRPS	Dr Animita Chowdhury Saha
11 th August, 2018 Free workshop	Sensory Issues of children With ASD	Auditorium, PBRPS	Insana Konoki Mazumder, Occupational Therapist, ASWB
12 th November, 2018 Free workshop	Intervention Assessment of Learning difficulties & ASD	Auditorium, PBRPS	Dr Zahir Ibrahim
12 th December, 2018 Free workshop (By invitation only)	Innovation in Vocational Rehabilitation	Main Hall, ASWB	Dr Liliana Mayo of Peru
6 th January, 2019 Free workshop (only for those undergoing the training)	Interpreting a child’s need and empowering him- emotions of family and carer’s how they impact lives	Lake Gardens unit of ASWB	Manisha Bhattacharya, Ranjana Chakraborty
1 st & 2 nd February, 2019	Planning for Adulthood for Individuals with ASD	Main Hall, ASWB, Mukundapur	Dr J R Ram, Indrani Basu, Dr Mitu De, Ranjana Chakraborty, Manisha Bhattacharya

Orientation Programs on Autism

As part of the autism awareness programs ASWB organized an Orientation for B. Sc Nursing students of Aliah University.

13th -15th February, 2019



Clinical psychologist Ms. Manisha Bhattacharya taking an Orientation class on autism for 3rd year B. Sc Nursing students, Department of Nursing of Aliah University



On 14th February, 2019 the Orientation Program was conducted by Ms. Indrani Basu.

15th February, 2019

Ms. Mitasree Biswas, ASWB Board member and herself, Staff Nurse in SSKM Hospital under West Bengal Health Service, conducting Orientation program for students of 3rd Year B. Sc., Department of Nursing, Aliah University who visited ASWB.



**Ms. Mitasree Biswas with B.Sc Nursing students as part of
Orientation Program**

Invited Talks by ASWB Director Ms. Indrani Basu

7th February, 2019, Bangladesh

Ms. Indrani Basu in Chittagong, as resource person at the seminar organised by Foundation For Autism Research & Education (FARE), Bangladesh on "Role of Music and AAC in enhancing communication for persons with Autism.'



22nd February, 2019 , Bangladesh

Ms. Indrani Basu was one of the resource persons in a workshop at BIRDEM Hospital, Dhaka. This program was organised by Ms. Anjum Hossain, a proactive mother of child with Autism.



23rd February, 2019, Bangladesh

Ms. Indrani Basu visited Hope Autism Welfare Society, Dhaka as Resource person for Autism Awareness program.



At Calcutta University

19th February, 2019

ASWB Founder Director, Ms. Indrani Basu delivered a talk on 'Supporting students with autism in Higher Education' on at the Interdisciplinary Refresher Course for College and University teachers organised by the Department of Education, University of Calcutta and UGC-HRDC.



Ms. INDRANI BASU AS RESOURCE PERSON IN THE NATIONAL SEMINAR ON 'DEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS AND ASSOCIATED DISABILITIES' ORGANISED BY DEPT. OF PSYCHOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA.



15th September, 2018, Lake Town, Kokkata

Workshop on 'Autism: Understanding Behaviour and Providing Support' organized by Vidiyarthi.com in Lake Town. Resource person: Ms. Indrani Basu



Invited Talks by ASWB Director Ms. Indrani Basu and Special Educator Ms. Dolon Paul

In Bangladesh



Invited Talks by ASWB Director Ms. Indrani Basu and Special Educator Ms. Mohua Das Sharma

24th November, 2018, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Workshop on Autism Awareness organized by Shashwat Jigyasya Lucknow at IBTC Campus, Vidya Bhawan, Nishant Gaunj, Lucknow. Indrani Basu and Mahua Das Sharma were speakers at the workshop.



*Invited Talks by Mr. Pranabesh Bhunia, ASWB D Ed Coordinator at
'Voice of the World' Kolkata*



9th February, 2019:

Ms Ranjana Chakraborty and Ms Manisha Bhattacharya invited people in as speakers during the workshop 'Linking the lives of parents of Children with Autism using narrative ideas and practices' at Ummeed Training Centre, Mumbai.



1st September, 2018

Panel discussion on inclusion organized by Inner Wheel Club of Calcutta, Rotary Club and Autism Society West Bengal on need for accessibility in all areas viz, education, health, banks, travel and festivities like Durga Puja Pandal Shopping. Ms Indrani Basu was invited to be one of the panelist.



Workshops where ASWB members/staff were invited as Resource persons 2018-2019

Date	Name of the workshop/ Conference	Organised by	Resource Persons	Participants
1 st September, 2018	Panel Discussion on Inclusion and need for accessibility in all areas	Inner Wheel Club of Calcutta, Rotary Club	Indrani Basu as one of the panelists	Parents & Special educators
15 th September, 2018	Autism: Understanding Behaviour and providing Support	Vidiyarthi.com	Ms. Indrani Basu	Parents & Special educators
24 th November, 2018	Autism Awareness	Shashwat Jigyasa, Lucknow , Uttar Pradesh	Ms Indrani Basu and Mrs Mahua Das Sharma	Parents & Special educators
6 th February , 2019	"Role of Music and AAC in enhancing communication for persons with Autism.'	Foundation For Autism Research & Education (FARE), Bangladesh	Indrani Basu	` Parents & Special educators
7 th February, 2019	Workshop on intervention for individuals with autism.	FARE, Chittagong, Bangladesh	Indrani Basu and Dolon Paul	Parents & Special educators
9 th February, 2019	Linking the lives of parents of Children with Autism using narrative ideas and practices	`Ummeed Centre for Child Development, Mumbai	Ranjana Chakraborty and Manisha Bhattacharya	Parents, Special educators and other professionals
19 th February, 2019	Supporting Persons with Autism in Higher Education	Department of Education, Calcutta University	Ms Indrani Basu	Assistant Professors of colleges
22 nd February, 2019	Workshop at Dhaka, Bangladesh	Bangladesh	Ms Indrani Basu	Parents, Special educators and other professionals
22 nd February, 2019	Ensuring Safety for Children with Disabilities	Voice of the World	Mr. Pranabesh Bhunia	Special educators
30 th March, 2019	Perspective of a care giver	Dept. of Psychology, Calcutta University	Ms Indrani Basu	Parents, Special educators and other professionals

ASWB Staff activities

At CRE Program



ASWB Staff activities

Mr. Pranabesh Bhunia, ASWB D Ed Coordinator at a Refresher Program



ASWB members & Staff with Wish Tree

5th –8th October, 2018

Autism Society West Bengal celebrated Daan Utsav by putting up a Wish Tree at Starmark Outlet, Quest Mall for four days. The wishes consisted of teaching learning materials and stationery items which are essential for students of Autism Society West Bengal. Special Educators Amrita Bhawal, Chandrani Chakraborty, Kaberi Ghosh along with Governing body members Ranjana Chakraborty and Sudip Ghosh as well as volunteers from Rotaract Club of Heritage Institute of Technology were present. Wish Tree also put up in at Apeejay School both premises Salt Lake and Park Street on 6th October, 2018.

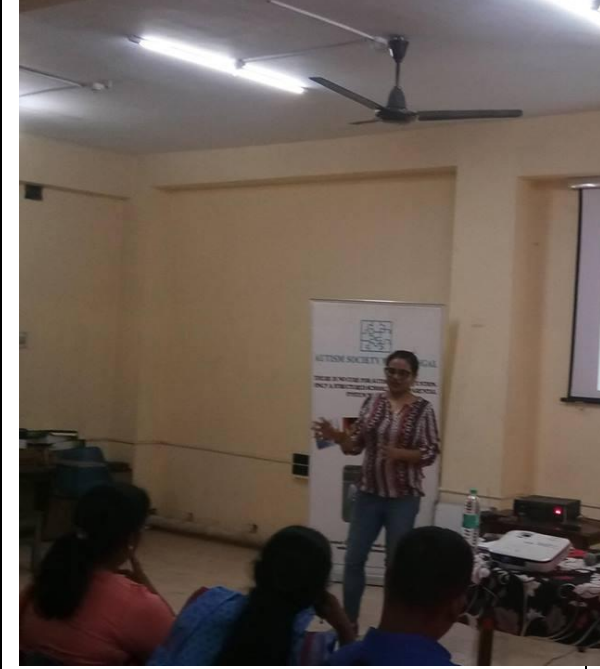


WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED BY ASWB DURING 2018-2019

1st & 2nd February, 2019: ASWB organized a 2 Day Workshop on '**Autism Spectrum: Planning for Adulthood.**' Resource persons: Dr. J. R. Ram, Ms. Indrani Basu, Dr. Mitu De, Ms. Ranjana Chakraborty, Ms. Manisha Bhattacharya and Ms. Insana Konoki Mazumdar



Workshop on 'Autism Spectrum: Planning for Adulthood.'



PARTICIPATION IN WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES IN 2018-2019



Dr Mitu De, Secretary ASWB presenting a paper at NIEPID, Kolkata



Dr Mitu De, Secretary ASWB receiving the Best Paper Award at NIEPID, Kolkata

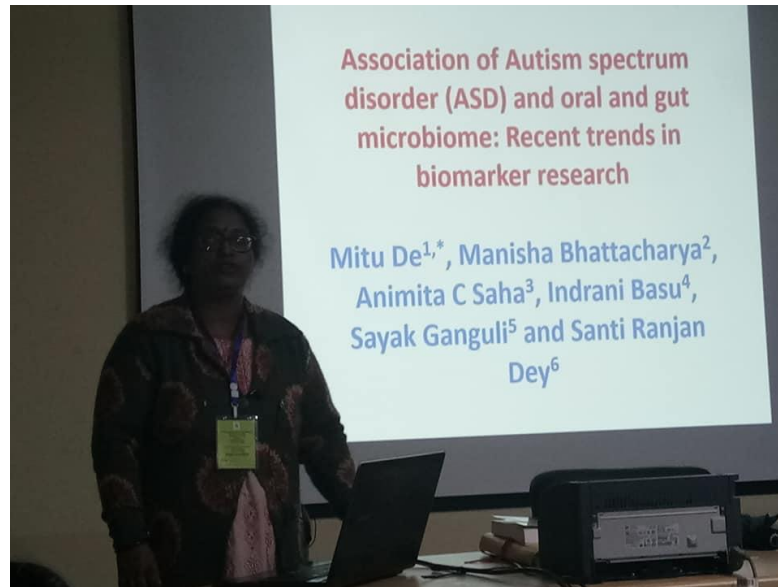


Best Paper Award



Dr Mitu De, Secretary ASWB during a Panel discussion in a National Conference

PAPER PRESENTATION IN CONFERENCE/SEMINARS



**Dr Mitu De at the 3rd Regional Science & Technology Congress (Southern Region),
Dec, 2018**



Dr Mitu De at SIVUS International Conference, Oct, 2018

**Publications and Presentations of the ASWB Research and
Academic Studies Unit (2018-2019)**

Publication in Journals

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2. De, Mitu, Ganguli, Sayak and Dey, Santi Ranjan. 2018. Microbiome, Human Health and Biomarkers: A brief review. Harvest- Online Journal (ISSN 2456-6551) Vol 3 (2), pp. 37-48.
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1. Chakraborty, Ranjana, Chakraborty, Piyali, Mahato, Manoj Kumar, Bhunia, Pranabesh, Bhattacharya, Manisha, Chatterjee, Arpita, Basu, Indrani, and De, Mitu. 2018. Implementation of some principles of Social Role Valorization (SRV) in Community inclusion activities: Recent trends in Social inclusion and Empowerment of young adults with autism. Proceedings of the National conference on 'Exclusion to Empowerment' organized by National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (Divyanjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, on 19th & 20th November, 2018, pp 52-59.

2. Bhattacharya, Manisha, Bhunia, Pranabesh, Mahato, Manoj Kumar, Chakraborty, Piyali, Chakraborty, Ranjana, Basu, Indrani, and De, Mitu. 2018. Recent trends and the Evolutionary Role of Early Intervention on Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD): A Review. Proceedings of the National conference on 'Exclusion to Empowerment' organized by National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (Divyanjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, on 19th & 20th November, 2018, pp 107-114.
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Presentations in Conferences and Seminars (Oral) without any subsequent publication as Proceedings

1. De, Mitu, Bhattacharya, Manisha, Saha, Animita C., Basu, Indrani, Ganguli, Sayak and Dey, Santi Ranjan. 2018. Association of Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and oral and gut microbiome: Recent trends in biomarker research. Oral presentation at the 3rd Regional Science & Technology Congress, Southern Zone held at Bidhannagar College, Salt Lake on 18th and 19th December, 2018.
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3. Chakrabarty, Ranjana, Basu, Indrani, De, Mitu and Bhattacharya, Manisha, 2018. 'A Comparative Study on Perceived Stress among the Fathers and Mothers of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.' Oral presentation in the 6th International Conference of SIVUS International on 'Intellectually Challenged: A Life of Truth and Trust' held on 4th & 5th October, 2018 at the Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark, Kolkata organized by Samjog Information and News Agency and SIVUS International Kolkata Chapter.
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*Dr Mitu De presenting a paper at the SIVUS International conference,
October 2018*

PARTICIPATION IN THE KOLKATA TALKS PROGRAM, MARCH 2019



Ms. Roma Basu, Joint Secretary and Dr Mitu De, Secretary attended the KolkataTalks Program

PARTICIPATION IN WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

2018-2019

12th – 13th March, 2019

Keystone Institute, India organized a 2 day workshop on **‘Planning Tools for Inclusive Practice: Dynamic Tools for Change.’** ASWB Special educators, Governing Body members, ASWB SRV graduates, some parents, professionals from other organization participated.



Glances of the workshop in March, 2019



Glances of the workshop in March, 2019



Participation in Workshops and Conferences 2018-2019

17th April – 18th April, 2018

Keystone Institute, India organized a 2 day workshop on **‘Creating Home: Foundations of High Quality Residential Support’** by following Social Role Valorization principles. The workshop was held at Hotel Park Plaza (Now Radisson) Kolkata. Teachers, governing body members of ASWB, parent volunteers as well as members from other organization also participated in the workshop.





WORKSHOPS WHERE ASWB MEMBERS/STAFF/TEACHERS PARTICIPATED

Date	Name of the workshop/ Conference	Venue	Resource Persons	Participants
17 th -18 th April, 2018	Workshop on 'Creating Home: Foundations of High Quality Residential Support' organized by Keystone Institute	Hotel Radisson	Elizabeth Neuville, Executive Director, Keystone Institute, India	Some ASWB staff and members. Also members of other organisations
7 th July, 2018	Workshop on new RDP Act 2016	PBRPS Auditorium	PBRPS resource persons	Debashish Chakraborty
24 th & 25 th July, 2018	Organizational Capacity Enhancement Program organized by FMSFI , Delhi	Golpark Ramkrishna Mission	Officials of FMSFI	Dr Mitu De and Ms Indrani Basu
15 th November, 2018	Organizational Capacity Enhancement Program organized by FMSFI	Ramkrishna Mission Institute for Culture	Officials of FMSFI	Dr Mitu De and Ranjana Chakraborty
10 th January, 2019	International Autism Conference organized by Indian Autism Center	Swabhumi, Kolkata	Autism experts from all over the world.	Indrani Basu Chandrani Chakraborty Pranabesh Bhunia Amitabh Basu Mitasree Biswas Dr Mitu De
1 st March. 2019	Kolkata Talks – lets make a difference organized by US Consulate General Kolkata and Shishu Sarothi	American Center	Disability activists	Dr Mitu De and Mrs Roma Basu
12 th -13 th March, 2019	'Planning Tools for Inclusive Practice: Dynamic Tools for Change. organized by Keystone Institute, India	Novotel Hotel	Ms Elizabeth Neuville, Executive Director, Keystone Institute, India	Some ASWB staff and members. Also members of other organisations

ASWB'S DISTINGUISHED VISITORS 2018-2019



Delegates of the SIVUS International Conference from Japan



Dr. Lilitiana Mayo, Founder and General Director of Centro Ann Sullivan del Peru (CASP), Peru



Ms. Betsy Neuville, Executive Director, Keystone Institute, April 2018



Dr. Thomas Neuville, Millersville, USA & Ms. Betsy Neuville, Keystone Institute, March, 2019

YOUNG ADULTS WITH AUTISM REACH OUT (YAAR) TURNS 5

The social club for young adults with and without autism completed 5 glorious years.



OTHER YAAR PROGRAMS DURING 2018-2019



**SENSITIZATION PROGRAM AT BIGBAZAAR BEFORE #QUIETHOUR
LAUNCH AS NGO PARTNER WITH BIG BAZAAR**



Ms. Sonu Mehmi, Special Educator



Ms. Manisha Bhattacharya, Clinical Psychologist

Autism Awareness with Radio waves



With Radio One at Kolkata



At Dhaka

22nd February, 2019

Ms. Indrani Basu was on air with others on Radio Dhoni, 91.2 FM for a radio program on the topic ‘Amar Autism Achhe! Apnar?’ (I have autism, what about you?).

2 YEAR D. ED COURSE AT ASWB

The first batch of D Ed students passed the 2 year course with 100% success. A few pictures of the current batch.



D Ed Theory class



Practice Teaching by the 2nd year D. Ed students in school

FIELD VISIT BY D. ED STUDENTS



1st year D. Ed students Field visit Indian Institute of Cerebral Palsy (IICP), Kolkata as part of their D. Ed. curriculum.



1st year D. Ed students visit Institute For the Handicapped and Backward People, Behala, Kolkata as part of their D. Ed. curriculum.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WAS HELD ON 15TH JULY, 2018



**AUTISM SOCIETY WEST BENGAL (ASWB)
GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS FOR 2018-2020**

Sl. No.	Name	Post held in the ASWB GB	Gender	Nationality	Occupation	Name of Father/Husband	Residential Address
1.	Mrs. Tapati Ghosh**	President	Female	Indian	House Wife	Mr. P. K. Ghosh (Husband)	Flat no. 1B, 1 st Floor 297 Jodhpur Park , Kolkata 7000678
2.	Dr. Suparna Deb*	Vice President	Female	Indian	Medical Practitioner	Dr. Sougata Deb (Husband)	4A/70 Dharmatala Road , Kashba , Kolkata 700042
3.	Dr. Mitu De*	Secretary	Female	Indian	Associate Professor	Dr. S. R. Dey (Husband)	A 7/5 Purbasha Housing Estate 160 Manicktala Main Road. Kolkata – 700054.
4.	Mrs. Roma Basu	Joint Secretary	Female	Indian	Retired	Mr. A.K. Basu (Husband)	5C Wedderburn Road , Kolkata 700033
5.	Mr. Sudip Ghosh*	Treasurer	Male	Indian	Service	Late Pranab Kanti Ghosh (Father)	Mohan Garden Murari 1/1, Kamalgachi Kolkata 700103
6.	Mrs. Mitasree Biswas *	Member	Female	Indian	Health Service	Dr Abhijit Biswas (Husband)	29/3C, Chetla Central Road Kolkata -700027
7.	Mrs Ranjana Chakraborty*	Member	Female	Indian	House wife	Mr. Debashis Chakraborty (Husband)	52A, Jubilee Park. Tollygunj Kolkata – 700 033.
8.	Mr. Ashoke Kumar Basu*	Member	Male	Indian	Retired	Late Prabhat Kumar Basu	22 Anjuman Ara Begum Row

						(Father)	KOLKATA 700033
9.	Mr. Vaskar Roy Chowdhury*	Member	Male	Indian	Self employed	Late Manoj Kr Roy Chowdhury (Father)	C-194,Santoshpur Sarvey Park,Kolkata – 700075

* Being a parent led organisation, most of the members of ASWB's Govering Body members are parents of persons with autism.

** Grandparent of a person with Autism

None of the governing body members are related to each other.

The governing body is elected every two years.

TEAM OF TEACHING, NON TEACHING STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS FOR THE YEAR 2018-19

1	Chandrani Chakraborty	Special Educator
2	Shibani Biswas	Special Educator
3	Nilanjana Ghosh	Special Educator
4	Dolon Paul	Special Educator
5	Pranabesh Bhunia	D Ed Cordinator & Faculty/ Special Educator
6	Manoj Kumar Mahato	D Ed Faculty/ Special Educator
7	Binay Samanta	Special Educator
8	Rajkumar Bera	Special Educator
9	Chhabi Das	Special Educator
10	Soma Sarker	Special Educator
11	Piyali Chakraborty	D Ed Faculty/ Special Educator
12	Kaberi Ghosh	Special Educator
13	Amrita Bhawal Barman	Special Educator
14	Priyanka Saha	Special Educator
15	Shampa Rani Sahoo	Special Educator
16	Swati Dasgupta	Special Educator

17	Sanjit Kumar Ghosh	Special Educator
18	Banani Saha	Classroom Assistant
19	Jhuma Choudhury	Special Educator
20	Babu Patra	Classroom Assistant
21	Sonu Mehmi	Special Educator
22	Sukanya Das	Special Educator
23	Syed Wahid Murad	Classroom Assistant
24	Manisha Bhattacharya	Clinical Psychologist/ D Ed Faculty
25	Priyanka Roy	Psychologist/D Ed Faculty
26	Neha Singh	Physiotherapist
27	Sarmistha Das	Parent Training Coordinator/Office Assistant
28	Madhumita Dhar	Admin/Accountant
29	Arpita Chatterjee	Project Coordinator
30	Amitesh Das	Office Assistant
31	Nababrata Guha Roy	Accounts Assistant
32	Sefali Naskar	Care Giver/ Classroom helpers
33	Bishaya Bayen	Care Giver/ Classroom helpers
34	Mina Bibi	Care Giver/ Classroom helpers
35	Nazma Bibi	Care Giver/ Classroom helpers
36	Sabina Bibi	Care Giver/ Classroom helpers
37	Anita Saha	Care Givers/ Classroom helpers
38	Dipali Mondal	Care Givers/ Classroom helpers
39	Mamoni Sardar	Care Givers/ Classroom helpers
40	Lakshman Mondal	Gate keeper
41	Joydeep Sarkar	Gate keeper
42	Shankar Vella	Sweeper
43	Tusi Sadhukhan	Volunteer
44	Anupama Bhaduri	Volunteer
45	Uma Das	Volunteer upto July, 2018
46	Debjani Paul	Volunteer
47	Shrabani Chakraborty	Volunteer
48	Sushmita Nath	Volunteer upto May, 2018
49	Abanti Pal	Volunteer
50	Mounisha Sarkar	Volunteer
51	Swati Mallick	Volunteer
52	Smriti Ghosh	Volunteer
53	Sucharita Roy	Volunteer
54	Ashoka Pal	Volunteer
55	Rituparna Das	Volunteer
56	Arpita Chakraborty	Volunteer

57	Mou Saha	Volunteer
58	Aparna Chakraborty	Volunteer

Some ASWB special educators, care givers, volunteers and members



2018-2019 was an enriching, eventful year for all at ASWB.

Looking forward to the future as ASWB grows as an organization.

Testimonials

FEEDBACK FROM THREE MONTHS PARENT TRAINING PROGRAMME

'Swastik – Understanding his own Environment'

Swastik Mondal , 2 years of age started to communicate after undergoing 3 months Parent Training at Autism Society West Bengal. Swastik's mother Rituparna states that "After the training programme, my child can now understand his environment, he can now make us understand his needs." She credits this success to the therapist and also expresses her desire to take up further sessions/classes at Autism Society West Bengal.

'Improvement in Communication Skill – Sagnik Saha'

Sagnik Saha had to travel all the way from North Bengal to undergo three months parent training at Autism Society West Bengal. He was 2 years and 3 months old when he got diagnosis. After the diagnosis, he took up ten days parent training programme at ASWB. The programme was helpful to overcome his difficulties in communication, social behaviour and repetitive behaviour. As they are not from the city it was difficult for them to enroll in three months parent training course immediately after the ten days. So it took some time to arrange everything before taking the programme. Sagnik as a child was very restless. The training programme has helped him to calm down. Also his communication skill has improved. Banti Das Saha, Sagnik's mother also states that 'Life has become a bit easier after the training programme and the therapists are very helpful'.

Mohammad Taofy Noor Tashriq

Mohammad Taofy Noor Tashriq was diagnosed with Autism at the age of three years at Bangladesh. His mother and father decided to visit ASWB for therapy session. Taofy faced difficulties in communication and socialization. The ten days training programme was helpful in teaching him some communication skill. The improvement made his mother to enroll for three months parent training. Mohammad Jawata Afnan states that 'His communication and socialization skills have improved .Now, I can manage my son in any situation and I have learned this from the training programme.' She further praised the therapists as they are friendly, cordial and cooperative.

Aidh Khan

Aidh Khan, 7 years of age took three months parent training at ASWB. Yasmin Khan, his mother states that 'The training programme has changed our lifestyle. Now, Aidh can socialize and communicate more with people'. Communication was main difficulty faced by Aidh . His mother also praised the therapists as humble and kind. The training process is carried out smoothly by keeping in mind everyone's issues and problems states Yasmin Khan.

FEEDBACK FROM THREE MONTHS PARENT TRAINING PROGRAMME

Rishik Maity

Lack of communication, socialization, play, repetitive behaviour and tantrums were some of the difficulties that Shrabani faced regarding Rishik. Rishik Maity, was diagnosed with Autism at three years of age. It was after completion of ten days training programme that Rishik's mother saw him responding. After three months parent training he started talking about his needs like food, toilet etc. He started going to toilet independently and even started eating mashed food (rice). In Shrabani 's words, 'Rishik is more calm and controlled now. He follows routines, sits independently at hair saloon/parlour without any tantrums. Nail cutting issue has been solved and don't even spit toothpaste. We are really benefitted with the training programme. We can do more socializing with him now! Thank you.'

Shreyovi Biswas

Shreyovi was diagnosed with Autism when they visited doctor regarding her lack of communication. She was 2 years and 9 months then. Shreyovi as a child was restless, had minimum eye contact, and rarely responded to the command. She also faced difficulty in socializing with other members of the family and did not want to go outside. They faced a lot of difficulty this time as both of them were clueless as how to manage the situation or communicate with Shreyovi. Then they visited ASWB for a counseling session and later enrolled for ten days parent training programme. The ten days programmer was an eye opener for them. They got to know about the way to communicate with her and develop a bond with her. She showed some development in her behavior after the ten days programme. Shreyovi also picked up almost all the milestones after the training programme. The parents have introduced new activities to further enhance her skills. They also took up the three months parent training programme. Sourav Biswas, Shreyovi's father said that 'The three months training programme has transformed our mental state. We are more aware about Shreyovi now. The training programme has instilled a confidence in us that we can overcome problems and also look for solution. Our child has become more aware and confident about performing daily activities. Now we are in a position to provide every opportunity for our child to grow, develop, be successful and happy throughout her life.' He further states 'We would like to show our deepest gratitude and our sincere regards to each and every member of ASWB for guiding us. We also salute your dedication and devotion that has been showered on our child to make her achieve this remarkable way of life.'

FEEDBACK FROM THREE MONTHS PARENT TRAINING PROGRAMME

Ayushman Ghosh

A little above 2 years of age, Ayushman Ghosh lacked eye contact, faced problem in following instruction, couldn't imitate others and also poor sitting habit. All these resulted in poor communication and lack of socially approved behaviour. His mother, Papia was referred to ASWB for ten days Parent training, which saw some improvement in Ayushman. The ten days training programme was followed by three months Parent Training. After the training programme completed, Papia noticed that his eye contact improved, sitting habit has also seen improvement, moreover Ayushman can now follow instructions and can imitate now. She further added that 'It was here that I learned how to manage my son. What are the dos and dont's and how to communicate to him'.

Mohammad Talha Tarique

Hena Salim, mother of Md Talha Tarique noticed that as a child he lacked sitting habit, his eye contact was poor, very much difficulty in understanding us. Moreover, he was hyperactive and aggressive in nature. After enrolling for ten days Parent Training, he showed improvement which led his mother to take up three months parent training. The three months parent training showed improvement in sitting habit, eye contact and understanding. His hyper activeness also decreased. Hena states that 'the training programme helped me to understand my child's need and also to deal with his behaviour problems. All the teachers are helpful, cooperative and polite in nature'.

Aneesh Naskar

Aneesh was three years old when he was diagnosed with Autism. His parents noticed that Aneesh was not communicating his needs. Aneesh also showed repetitive behaviour. As a child, he didn't like to play. They came to know about ASWB through some well wishers. Aneesh then came for counseling session and got enrolled in ten days parent training programme. Mr Dhrubojyoti Naskar, Aneesh's father is not economically stable. According to him, it would not have been possible for them to continue his training session if ASWB didn't provide him concession. In his own words, "It was difficult for us to continue the training session due to my financial condition and the distance that we use to travel. But after the training we saw some improvement in Aneesh's behavior. So we enrolled for three months parent training". It was after three months parent training that his behavior has improved, his restlessness has also reduced and now he is eager to learn. Now he can understand his surrounding and how he should behave. Before they visited ASWB, life was full of struggle without a definite goal. Now, they have found a meaning and peace in life. The parents can now understand what problems individuals with Autism face, why they face such problems and also how to overcome those problems. They want to thank all the teachers and support staff for taking so much care in teaching children and the parents.

FEEDBACK FROM VERBAL BEHAVIOUR ANALYSIS PROGRAMME

Dated: 14.12.18

Parents feedback - Visual behaviour analysis
Six weeks program at Autism Society West Bengal

Ever since our son Ayush was diagnosed with mild-moderate level of autism our second biggest concern was his lack of socialization skills other than language. This is exactly where we have found our son improving as he has started to mix and interact with his peers in the last couple of weeks. As we are looking forward to mainstream Ayush and put him in a regular mainstream CBSE school we consider his progress in the field of socialization a big milestone. ASWB's six weeks VBA program has made a very significant contribution to this.

Besides, the program has, to a large extent, groomed our son so that he can become fit for a mainstream school and can eventually become independent in day-to-day activities.

So, we take this opportunity to thank all the teachers and caregivers of ASWB for their contribution that they have made to our son's overall development.

Angshujit Mazumder
(Father of Ayush Mazumder)

FEEDBACK FROM VERBAL BEHAVIOUR ANALYSIS PROGRAMME

To,
The Director,
ASWB

Riyaz is a 4 years old boy, who is highly sensitive and anxious. We were much worried about him regarding this problem. But during this session, we saw him changed gradually if not fully. Previously, he was not interested to interact with strangers specially in the classroom. Even he was not spontaneous and responsive. But after the completion of 6th week, we saw him participating in the group activities eagerly. He was also very much responsive during the interactive session.

We are also thankful to all of you for teaching him the table manners and also to develop a proper food habit. You also guided us to maintain a proper environment in home with your valuable tips.

This programme is very much helpful for those who want to send their children to mainstream school @ crossing all the bars.

Thanking you.

Riyaz's Mother

FEEDBACK FROM VERBAL BEHAVIOUR ANALYSIS PROGRAMME

No.
Date

Date:- 29th March, 2019

To,

The Director

Autism Society of West Bengal

Dear Madam,

I must say that I am very fortunate to be associated with ASWB. On behalf of Iza we thank you for your selfless love care and guidance during this 3 months intervention program which was aimed to prepare the children for mainstream society.

The program has helped our child to understand her environment, her speech and understanding of language has improved tremendously. Our child has continued to thrive because of all the teacher's gift of nurturing, teaching and care.

Our child has growth in social skill, creative play and living skills. The knowledge given by all the teachers are truly priceless and a simple thank you is not enough. YOU HAVE CHANGED OUR LIFE.

With deep respect and gratitude,

Smita Sarkar

(Mother of Iza Sarkar)

Smita Sarkar

'TESTIMONIALS FROM PROFESSIONALS'



Sonu Mehmi – Special Educator

It is to reiterate that as an employee in the capacity of Special Educator professional, my experience in the organization has been very enriching and empowering. As a special educator, the one year tenure has helped me in developing my professional skills in understanding the methodology of helping children with ASD to learn effectively.

The administrative team and the other staff colleagues have given me immense opportunities and possibilities to grow as a professional. I hope that I will further avail the cooperation and support in fulfilling the inclusive vision of ASWB with regards to persons with Special Needs.



Sukanya Das – Special Educator

I feel privileged to be a part of team ASWB. The staff here works together with gratitude to make sure students are getting the best quality of support and community. The level of care and trust that the administration has in their staff is also unique and special which has made me feel motivated and empowered. The team members are organized and united under a mission that they truly carry out every day. ASWB is one of the best and most impressive organizations that make educators feel supported and equipped in their efforts to change lives. In my first year as a Special Educator, I have never felt unsupported or alone; there has always been someone to turn to for help or advice. I feel honored to work with such professional and positive people. The excellent team work and guidance from senior members as well as support from parents, all of it makes team ASWB the best and I feel like part of a family.



Jhuma Chowdhury - Special Educator

I work at Autism Society West Bengal as a special Educator. I have completed the D. Ed course under NIEPMD from ASWB. I enjoy my work with our children. I feel great pleasure when our children improve from their level. Thanks to ASWB for giving me such kind of opportunity to work with our children.

HOW YOU MAY HELP:

Autism Society accepts gifts in cash and kind from our well wishers. Their gifts are used to give concessions for our intervention services for those families who need it.

You may help ASWB in many ways. You could help in our fund raising efforts; some of the ways funds may be used are listed below.

1. For procuring Teaching and Learning materials
2. For purchasing Furniture
3. For Sponsorship of 10 days one to one intervention for families who might need your help.
4. Sponsorship of Parent Training for families.
5. For construction of Building
6. For procuring and maintenance of Infrastructure
7. For Equipment purchase and installation
8. Corpus Fund
9. For purchasing Computer, printer and accessories
10. For purchasing Books

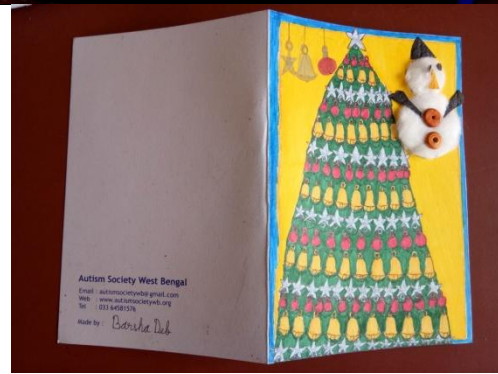
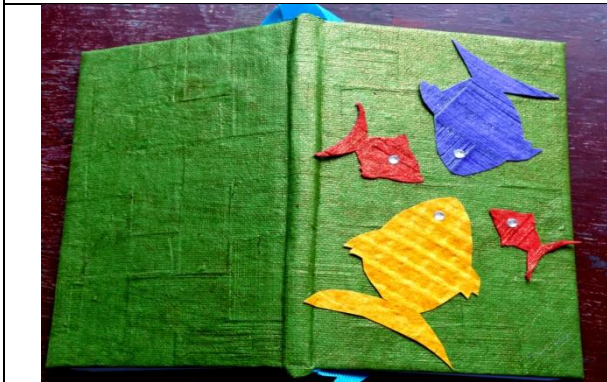
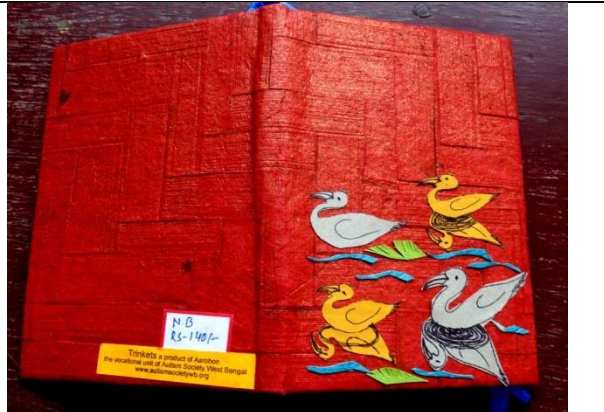
Apart from the above there are others ways to lend a helping hand.

- You could help in our various extracurricular programs.
- You could also be a buddy with our some of our students.
- You could buy some of the products that our students make
- You could network for us to get CSR funds
- You could organize exhibitions of the handcrafted products our students make.
- You could help in our autism awareness programs in educational institutions, hospitals, police stations, airports and railway stations.
- You could pave the way for social inclusion.
- You could also give us some of your time and get to know people with autism
- You could give information about job opportunities in open/sheltered employment.
- You could accept an individual with autism as he/she is and see the person and not their disability.

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Bags, earrings and neckpieces, envelopes, paper bags, mobile covers, cards made by our students



Cards made by our students